

Application No. 10/600,194
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1 and 18 are amended, leaving Claims 1-26 for consideration upon entry of the present amendments and following remarks.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. Particularly, the Examiner states that the phrase "which is protruded from a bottom surface of the base substrate" in line 8 is unclear if it is intended to pertain to the first fixing protrusion of the first fixing portion. In response, Applicant hereinabove amends Claim 1 to delete the phrase and more clearly define the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the relevant claim objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoo et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,905,224 (hereinafter "Yoo"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

In the Office Action power supply modules 301.302, shock absorber 420 and first side 210 (of container 250) of Yoo are considered as teaching the fixing member, fixing protrusion and receiving receptacle of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Yoo discloses the container 200 may have a shock absorbing member to absorb an external impact not to be transferred to the cold cathode fluorescent lamp 100. (Col. 7, lines 13-18 and Figs. 8, 10 and 11.) The container 200 includes a first and second

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shock absorbing member 410 and 420, respectively. (*Id.*) The second shock absorbing member 420 can be placed on a portion of the upper surfaces of the power-supplying modules 301,302 and screwed thereon. (Col. 7, lines 32-36 and 39-44.) The shock absorbing member 420 is a substantially flat element and completely separate from the base body 310.

Firstly, the substantially planar shock absorbing member 420 cannot be considered as a "protrusion" as it is placed between the screw 430 head and the similarly planar base body 310. The shock absorbing member 420 does not protrude from the base body 310 in anyway, but is merely placed against the base body 310 with planar surfaces facing each other. Therefore, Yoo does not disclose a fixing protrusion integrally formed with the base substrate of Claim 18.

Secondly, the shock absorber 420 is a separate element of the power-supplying module 301,302/base body 310. Additionally as discussed above, the shock absorbing member 420 is placed between the screw 430 head and the planar base body 310. Therefore, Yoo further does not disclose a fixing protrusion integrally formed with the base substrate of Claim 18.

Finally, shock absorbing member 420 is disclosed as absorbing an external impact not to be transferred to the cold cathode fluorescent lamp 100, as discussed above. The shock-absorbing member 420 in no way prevents the lamp from moving. If the shock-absorbing member 420 were not present, other features of the power-supplying module 301,302 would prevent the lamp from moving even without the shock-absorbing member 420. Therefore Yoo also does not disclose an electrically conductive fixing member having a fixing protrusion integrally formed with the base substrate so as to prevent the lamp from moving in a longitudinal direction of the lamp of Claim 18.

Thus, Yoo fails to disclose all of the limitations of Claim 18. Accordingly, Yoo does not anticipate Claim 18. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 18 is not further rejected or objected and is therefore allowable. Notwithstanding that Claim 18 is allowable in its current form, Applicant hereinabove amends Claim 18 to more clearly define the "fixing protrusion" of Claim 18. Support for amended Claim 18 is at least found in the originally filed specification at page 16, lines 19-21 and Figure 9.

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Reconsideration and allowance of Claim 18 are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's noting allowable Claims 1-17 and 21-25. Applicant further gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's noting the allowable subject matter in Claims 19, 20 and 26. However, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 18, from which Claims 19, 20 and 26 depend is allowable, as discussed above. As such, Applicant has not rewritten Claims 19, 20 and 26 in independent form at this time.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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